



CONNECT WITH VA: VETERANS DAY 2013

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Connect. It matters.

Friendship. It matters.

Ask the question. It matters.

Support. It matters.

Compassion. It matters.

Listen. It matters.

Family.

It Matters.



Help for Homeless Veterans
1877-4AID-VET
va.gov/homeless | (877) 424-3838



VA offers benefits that can improve the lives of Veterans and their families. Some benefits may also be available to active-duty Service-members. Explore VA to learn about such topics as disability compensation, education and employment services, health care, home loans, and memorial benefits. Veterans can also sign up to receive VA updates and apply for benefits online.

[WWW.VA.GOV/EXPLORE](http://www.va.gov/explore)

The professionals at the Veterans Crisis Line are trained and experienced in helping Veterans of all ages and circumstances. Many of the responders are Veterans themselves and understand what veterans and their families and friends have been through and the challenges veterans of all ages and service eras face.

Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and PRESS 1, Chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

[WWW.VETERANSCRISISLINE.NET](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net)

VA is committed to ending Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015. No one who has served our country should ever go without a safe, stable place to call home. Learn about VA's programs for Veterans and to find out what you, your neighbors, and your community can do to help Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

Know that one phone call can be the difference in the life of a Veteran who is homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Make the Call to 877-4AID-VET (424-3838) to be connected 24/7 with VA's services to overcome or prevent homelessness for yourself or a Veteran you know.

[WWW.VA.GOV/HOMELESS](http://www.va.gov/homeless)

VA administers a variety of education benefit programs. Through these programs, Veterans can pursue a college degree, on-the-job training, apprenticeships, and non-college degree programs. Many Veterans and active duty personnel can qualify for more than one education benefits program. Learn more about the Post-9/11 GI Bill and other programs and help a Veteran determine which program best fits their needs.

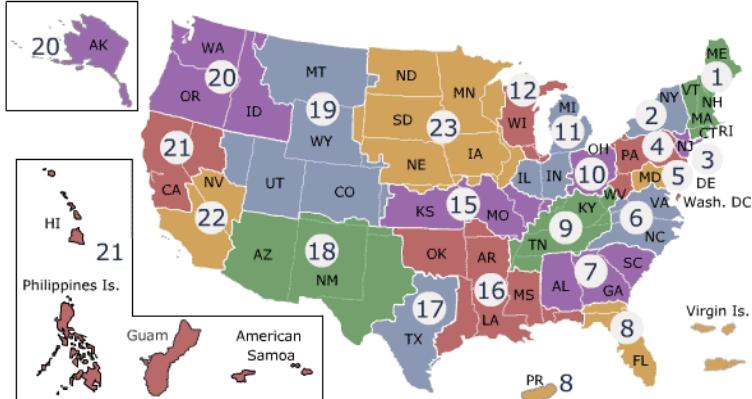
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VA has many resources available for Veterans and family members. See our locations listings by state to find your nearest VHA, VBA, and NCA facilities. The map also provides locations for PTSD Programs, Vet Centers, and Substance Use Disorder Programs.

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VA is working hard to let women Veterans know about the benefits and services for which they may be eligible. The Department offers women Veterans a full range of comprehensive primary care. Women can receive care tailored to their needs with gender-specific health care, mental health care, Military Sexual Trauma related care, and more.

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Geriatrics and Extended Care provides services for Veterans who are elderly and have complex needs, and Veterans of any age who need daily support and assistance. Veterans can receive care at home, at VA medical centers or in the community.

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The mission of ORH is to improve access and quality of care for enrolled rural and highly rural Veterans by developing evidence-based policies and innovative practices to support the unique needs of enrolled Veterans residing in geographically remote areas. Currently, 3.1 million rural Veterans are enrolled in the VA system. This represents 36% of the total enrolled Veteran population based on the 2010 US Census.

WWW.RURALHEALTH.VA.GOV



#HONORINGVETS

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Join us in honoring our Veterans.



ON TWITTER: Follow @DeptVetAffairs for updates, news, and moments throughout the day. VA will be live-tweeting events at Arlington Cemetery, and covering other observances in our nation's capital and across the country. A few sample tweets are recommended below:

Before Veterans Day:

- *Looking for a Veterans Day event in your community? Find (or submit) events here:*
www.va.gov/opa/vetsday #HonoringVets
- *More than 60% of Vets have not applied for benefits. Explore what's available:*
www.va.gov/explore #HonoringVets

On Veterans Day:

- *Thank you, Veterans, for all you have done and continue to do:*
www.storify.com/DeptVetAffairs/Veterans-Day-2013 #HonoringVets
- *Today, and every day, is Veterans Day. Infographic:* www.va.gov/eachday #HonoringVets
- *More than 60% of Vets have not applied for benefits. Explore what's available:*
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ON INSTAGRAM: Make sure to tag your Veterans Day photos with #HonoringVets. VA will be selecting photos and featuring them online throughout the day.



ON FACEBOOK: The Department of Veterans Affairs Facebook page will be posting information, events and media throughout the day. Please help us spread the word on Facebook—a few pieces of suggested content are listed below:

Before Veterans Day:

- *Looking for a Veterans Day event in your community? Find (or submit) events here: www.va.gov/vetsday*

On Veterans Day:

- *Thank you, Veterans, for all you have done and continue to do: www.storify.com/DeptVetAffairs/Veterans-Day-2013*
- *Today, and every day, is Veterans Day. Infographic: www.va.gov/eachday*



BEYOND SOCIAL: If you have a website, blog, or newsletter, please consider promoting one or more of the following:

- **STORIFY.** A live, curated story of Veterans Day celebrations across the country. This can be embedded into your website or blog, and can be easily shared—just like a YouTube video. www.storify.com/DeptVetAffairs/Veterans-Day-2013
- **INFOGRAPHIC.** An infographic produced by VA's digital team, showing the benefits received by Veterans each day. www.va.gov/eachday
- **TWITTER:** VA will be live-tweeting throughout the day. Please encourage your audience to follow @DeptVetAffairs, and use #HonoringVets.
- **EXPLORE.** A microsite that simplifies benefits available to Veterans, and provides guidance and tips on how to navigate the application process. www.va.gov/explore
- **EVENT MAP.** An event map of registered Veterans Day events occurring across the country. www.va.gov/vetsday